

REMARKS

Counsel for applicants wishes to thank the examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview on June 30, 2004. During the interview, it was agreed that the amendments proposed to claim 1, as reflected herein, overcome the indefiniteness identified in the office action.

The applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate receiving a copy of form PTO-1449, on which the examiner has initialed all listed items. Submitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 8-14 have been added, and claim 1 has been amended. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to remedy the indefiniteness identified in the office action. Counsel for applicants appreciates the indication by the examiner that the amended language overcomes the rejection. In view of the amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly requested.

New claims 8-14 have been added, to define one or more embodiments of the invention, and are deemed to be allowable for the foregoing reasons.

In view of the forgoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,



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